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For: COATED CUTTING TOOL HAVING  
COATING FILM ON BASE (as amended)

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**AFFIRMATION OF PRIORITY CLAIM**

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Dear Sir:


Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 based on the following prior foreign application filed in the following foreign country on the date indicated:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No.</u> | <u>Date</u>        |
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A certified copy of the aforesaid Japanese Patent Application was received by the International Bureau on October 20, 2005 during the pendency of International Application No. PCT/JP2005/016286. A copy of Form PCT/IB/304 is enclosed.

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